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In re Application of
PFAU, et al. :
Application No.: 10/532,181 :
PCT No.: PCT/EP03/11593 :
Int. Filing Date: 20 October 2003 : DECISION
Priority Date: 21 October 2002 :
Atty. Docket No.: WMH-0738 :
For: METHOD FOR FASTENING A :
TOOL IN A TOOL CHUCK :

This decision is issued in response to applicant's "Request for Filing Receipt Correction" filed on 25 November 2005.

BACKGROUND

On 21 April 2005, applicant filed a transmittal letter requesting entry into the national stage in the United States of America under 35 U.S.C. 371. Filed with the Transmittal Letter were, *among others*, the requisite basic national fee; a copy of the international application; an unexecuted declaration; and a preliminary amendment.

On 19 May 2005, applicant filed an executed declaration of inventors.

On 25 October 2005, the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed a "Notification of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495" (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) which set forth the date of receipt 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) requirements as 19 May 2005 and a 35 U.S.C. 371 completion date of 19 May 2005.

On 26 November 2005, applicant filed "Request for Filing Receipt Correction."

DISCUSSION

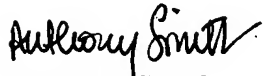
Applicant requests a corrected filing date from 19 May 2005 to 21 April 2005. The actual filing date of the present application is the international filing date, i.e. 20 October 2003. (See 35 U.S.C. 363) The date in the filing date portion on the filing receipt of a national stage application is the date upon which the requirements set forth in 35 U.S.C. 371(c) for entry into the national stage were completed. (See MPEP §1895.01) A review of the application file reveals that the declaration was filed with the USPTO on 19 May 2005, the date which the requirements set forth in 35 U.S.C. 371(c) for entry into the national stage were completed. Therefore, the correction of the "FILING DATE" on the filing receipt to indicate a date of 21 April 2005 is not proper since applicant completed the requirements set forth in 35 U.S.C. 371(c) on 19 May 2005. (See MPEP section 1893.03(b)).

CONCLUSION

Applicant's request for the corrected filing date is DISMISSED without prejudice.

Any further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed to: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Office of PCT Legal Administration, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.

This application is being referred back to GAU 3722.



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